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LETTER DATED 8 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE TEXTS OF STATEMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WITH REGARD TO THE NUCLEAR TESTS EXPLOSIONS CARRIED OUT BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN

I have the honour to enclose copies of the statements made by the Government of the Republic of South Africa with regard to the nuclear test explosions carried out by India and Pakistan. It would be appreciated if these statements could be circulated as official documents of the Conference.

(Signed) J.S. Selebi
Ambassador

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PRESS STATEMENT : 13 MAY 1998

SOUTH AFRICA REITERATES DEEP CONCERN AT SUBSEQUENT INDIAN NUCLEAR TESTS

The South African Government is deeply concerned at the further two nuclear tests conducted by India on 13 May 1998 and regrets this development.

As a matter of principle South Africa opposes all nuclear tests since they do not contribute to promoting world peace and security.

South Africa believes that security is provided by nuclear disarmament rather than by nuclear proliferation.

South Africa repeats the hope that these tests do not result in an arms race in South Asia.

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PRETORIA, 13 MAY 1998

MEDIA STATEMENT ON PAKISTANI NUCLEAR TESTS

South Africa deeply concerned at the Pakistani nuclear tests.

The South African Government has noted with deep concern the reported nuclear tests carried out by Pakistan this morning. South Africa had appealed for restraint from Pakistan following the recent tests by India.

As a matter of principle South Africa opposes all nuclear tests since they do not contribute to promoting world peace and security. South Africa believes that security is provided by nuclear disarmament rather than by nuclear proliferation.

South Africa repeats the hope that these tests do not result in an arms race in South Asia.

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MEDIA STATEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICA ON THE ADDITIONAL TWO NUCLEAR TESTS CONDUCTED BY PAKISTAN

South Africa has noted with deepening concern the two further nuclear tests conducted by Pakistan on 30 May 1998.

South Africa is gravely disappointed at this development and restates its well known position that it opposes and will continue to oppose all nuclear tests irrespective of source.

South Africa holds firm to the view that world security is derived from nuclear disarmament and not nuclear proliferation.

An escalating arms race in South Asia remains of deep concern to South Africa.

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